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Fantastic Four

DOCTOR DOOM

MORE DIABOLICAL, MORE DEADLY
THAN EVER BEFORE!

"THE
BATTLE
OF THE
BAXTER
BUILDING!"



DON'T MISS THE THING'S
EPIC HAND-TO-HAND FIGHT
WITH DESPERATE DR. DOOM!

THE FABULOUS F.F.--FIGHTING THEIR MOST DESPERATE FIGHT!

DESTINED TO TAKE ITS PLACE BESIDE THE BATTLES OF WATERLOO,
GETTYSBURG, AND DUNKIRK, HERE IS...

"THE BATTLE OF THE BAXTER BUILDING"

POSSIBLY
THE GREATEST
ACTION-DRAMA
YOU WILL
READ THIS
YEAR!



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LET'S GET UP TO DATE FAST! **DOCTOR DOOM** HAS TAKEN CONTROL OF THE BAXTER BUILDING, HEADQUARTERS OF THE FABULOUS **FANTASTIC FOUR**! HAVING LOST THEIR SUPER POWERS, DUE TO A BATTLE WITH THE **FRIGHTFUL FOUR** (SHOWN IN F.F. #38), REED AND HIS GALLANT TRIO ARE AIDED BY THE SIGHTLESS **DAREDEVIL** AS THEY TRY TO LAUNCH AN ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE COUNTER-ATTACK AGAINST THE MOST DANGEROUS ARCH-VILLAIN OF ALL TIME!

NOW THAT I REALIZE THAT THE FANTASTIC FOUR ARE **POWERLESS**, I CAN TOY WITH THEM... PICK THEM OFF AT MY LEISURE!

AND, THE SUPREME IRONY IS THE FACT THAT I CAN USE REED RICHARDS' **OWN WEAPONS** AGAINST HIM, SO LONG AS I REMAIN IN CONTROL OF THEIR HEAD-QUARTERS!

SINCE MY **OWN INTELLIGENCE** IS THE EQUAL OF RICHARDS', I HAVE ONLY TO **LOOK** AT ONE OF HIS DEVICES TO INSTANTLY GRASP ITS PURPOSE AND METHOD OF OPERATION!

-- SUCH AS THIS REMOTE-CONTROL **TV EYE** WHICH I'VE SET TO FIND MY VICTIMS NO MATTER **NOW** WELL-HIDDEN THEY MAY BE IN A CROWD!

A **FLYING CAMERA!!** COMING FROM THE BAXTER BUILDING!

THE F.F. MUST BE TESTING SOME NEW CRIME-FIGHTING DEVICE!

IT ALMOST **HIT ME!**

THEY'VE NO RIGHT TO SCARE INNOCENT PEOPLE THIS WAY!

AT THE RATE THE **TV EYE** IS TRAVELLING, IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF MINUTES BEFORE IT LOCATES THE ONES I SEEK!

HOW THEY MUST BE TREMBLING IN HELPLESS FEAR RIGHT **NOW**, KNOWING THAT THEIR DESTRUCTION IS **IMMINENT**-- AND THAT ONCE **THEY** ARE GONE, THE ENTIRE **HUMAN RACE** SHALL BEAR THE BRUNT OF MY **NEXT** ATTACK!

TOO LONG HAVE I REMAINED IN MY REMOTE KINGDOM OF LATVERIA, UNCONCERNED ABOUT THE REST OF MANKIND! NOW, I FEEL THE THRILL OF **BATTLE** AGAIN, AND I SHALL NOT STOP UNTIL THE ENTIRE **WORLD** GROVELS BEFORE ME!

HAN! THE MOMENT IS AT HAND! I HAVE **FOUND** THEM!

BUT, BEFORE THE MASTER OF MENACE CAN LAUNCH HIS ATTACK, THE SIGHTLESS **DAREDEVIL** SENSES THE PRESENCE OF THE TV EYE AND MOVES WITH THE SPEED OF THOUGHT--!

RICHARDS!!
TAKE COVER!
HE'S LOCATED
US!

HE'S USING
MY FLYING
SPOTTER! ONCE
IT ZEROES IN ON
A SUBJECT, THERE'S
NO WAY TO
OUTRUN IT!

THEN WE WON'T
TRY TO OUTFRIN
IT!

WITH HIS FINGERS MOVING
ALMOST FASTER THAN THE
HUMAN EYE CAN FOLLOW,
THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR
MAKES A LIGHTNING-LIKE
ADJUSTMENT ON HIS EVER-
PRESENT BILLY CLUB!

THE FLYING OBJECT
GENERATES SO MUCH
POWER, THAT I CAN
SENSE ITS EXACT
LOCATION AS IT
DRAWS CLOSER!

AND, AS
LONG AS
I KNOW
WHERE
IT IS--

I CAN
DESTROY
IT!

KRAK!!

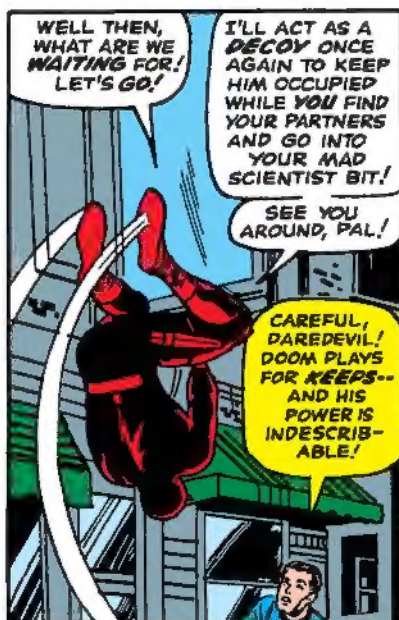
A MAN WITH NORMAL
VISION MIGHT *MISS*
SUCH A SMALL, SPEEDING
TARGET-- BUT MY RADAR
SENSE CAN TRACK IT AS
UNERRINGLY AS A HUNTER
MISSILE!

YOU'LL
ONLY
HAVE
TIME
FOR
ONE
SHOT!!
--NOW!!

THIS GIVES US
ANOTHER BRIEF
BREATHING SPELL!
WHAT'S OUR NEXT
MOVE, RICHARDS?

SO LONG AS THE F.F. IS WITH-
OUT SUPER POWERS, IT'S
ONLY A MATTER OF TIME
BEFORE DOOM DEFEATS US!
BUT, IF I CAN REACH OUR
HQ., THERE'S *ONE* DEVICE
UP THERE WHICH MAY TURN
THE TIDE--

I'VE GOT TO
GET HOLD
OF THE
ELECTRONIC
STIMULATOR!!



WELL THEN,
WHAT ARE WE
WAITING FOR!
LET'S GO!

I'LL ACT AS A
DECOY ONCE
AGAIN TO KEEP
HIM OCCUPIED
WHILE YOU FIND
YOUR PARTNERS
AND GO INTO
YOUR MAD
SCIENTIST BIT!

SEE YOU
AROUND, PAL!

CAREFUL,
DAREDEVIL!
DOOM PLAYS
FOR KEEPS--
AND HIS
POWER IS
INDESCRIB-
ABLE!



BE CAREFUL?? YOU'RE TALKING
TO THE WRONG BOY, MISTER! IF
I WAS THE CAUTIOUS TYPE, I'D BE
BUYING BACK MY INTRODUCTION TO
YOU RIGHT
NOW!

IF WE SURVIVE
THIS BATTLE,
I'LL OWE THAT
MAN A DEBT
THAT CAN NEVER
BE REPAID!

WELL,
HAPPY
DAYS!

TWAX
N
G



ARE YOU WATCHING, DOOMSIE?
READY OR NOT, HERE I COME!

I HOPE I'M STILL ALIVE
AND KICKING IF AND
WHEN THEY REGAIN
THEIR POWERS--

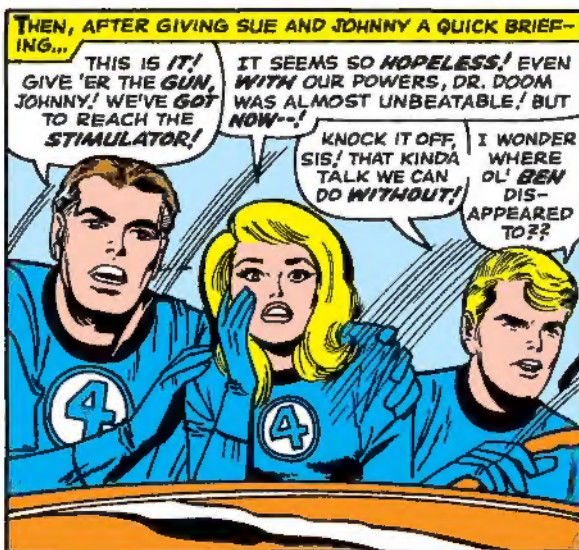
-- BECAUSE THEN
THE BATTLE
BETWEEN THEM
AND DOOM WILL
BE SOMETHING TO
TALK ABOUT FOR
YEARS!



AND, AS DAREDEVIL TAUNTS THE MENACING DR. DOOM
FROM THE NEARBY ROOFTOPS, A COMMANDEERED TAXI
SPEEDS UP TO THE DESPERATELY RUNNING REED
RICHARDS...

REED, DARLING! THANK HEAVENS
YOU'RE STILL UNHARMED! BUT--WHERE'S DARE-
DEVIL!

I'LL EXPLAIN
LATER, SUE!
OPEN THE
--QUICK!



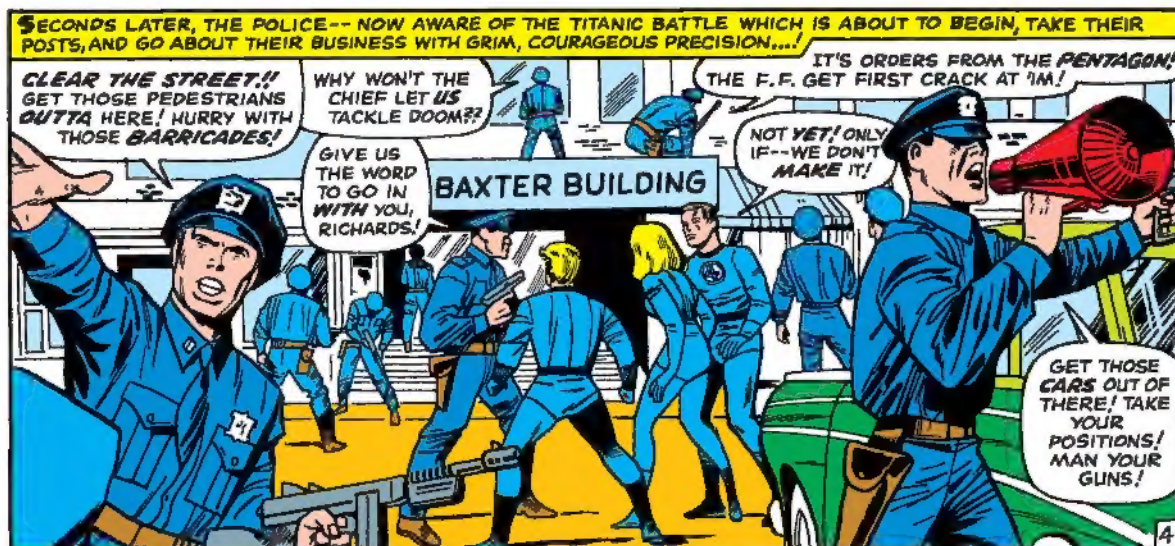
THEN, AFTER GIVING SUE AND JOHNNY A QUICK BRIEF-
ING...

THIS IS IT!
GIVE 'ER THE GUN,
JOHNNY! WE'VE GOT
TO REACH THE
STIMULATOR!

IT SEEMS SO HOPELESS! EVEN
WITH OUR POWERS, DR. DOOM
WAS ALMOST UNBEATABLE! BUT
NOW--!

KNOCK IT OFF,
SIS! THAT KINDA
TALK WE CAN
DO WITHOUT!

I WONDER
WHERE
OL' BEN
DIS-
APPEARED
TO??



SECONDS LATER, THE POLICE-- NOW AWARE OF THE TITANIC BATTLE WHICH IS ABOUT TO BEGIN, TAKE THEIR
POSTS, AND GO ABOUT THEIR BUSINESS WITH GRIM, COURAGEOUS PRECISION...

CLEAR THE STREET!!
GET THOSE PEDESTRIANS
OUTTA HERE! HURRY WITH
THOSE BARRICADES!

WHY WON'T THE
CHIEF LET US
TACKLE DOOM??

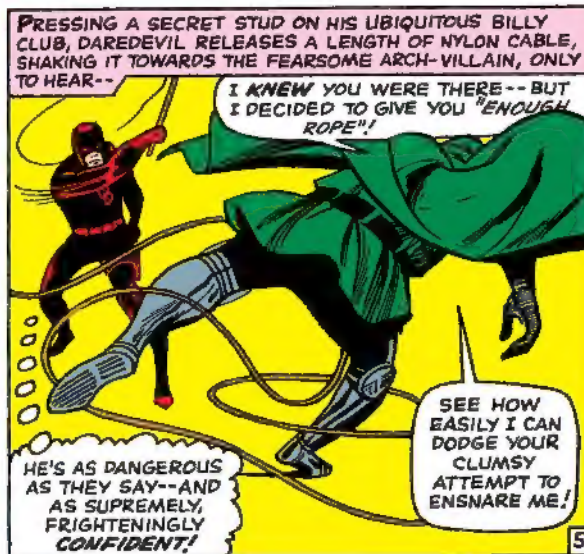
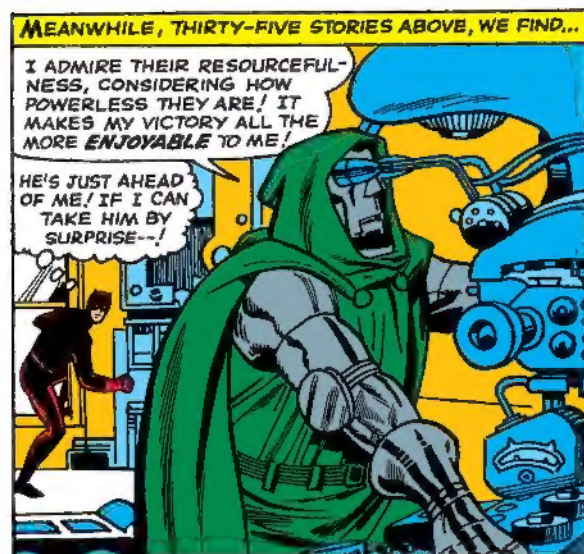
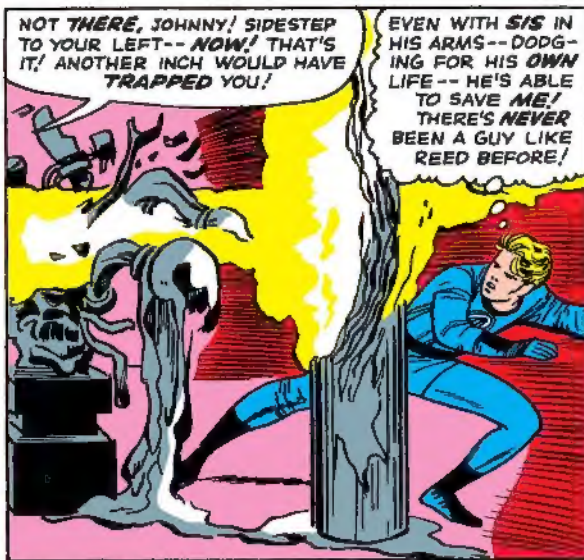
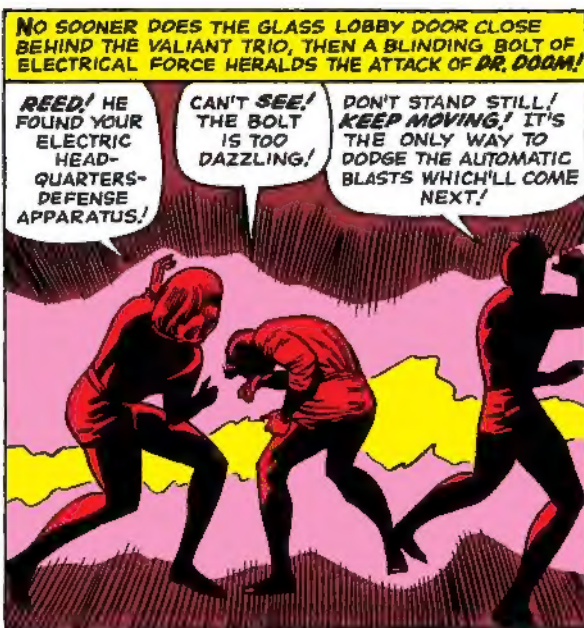
GIVE US
THE WORD
TO GO IN
WITH YOU,
RICHARDS!

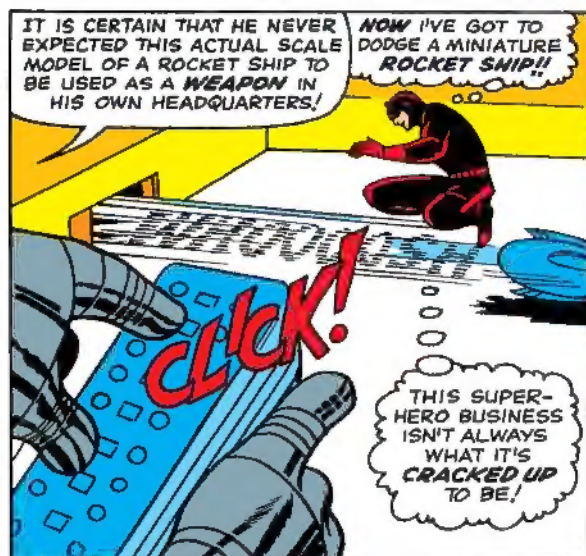
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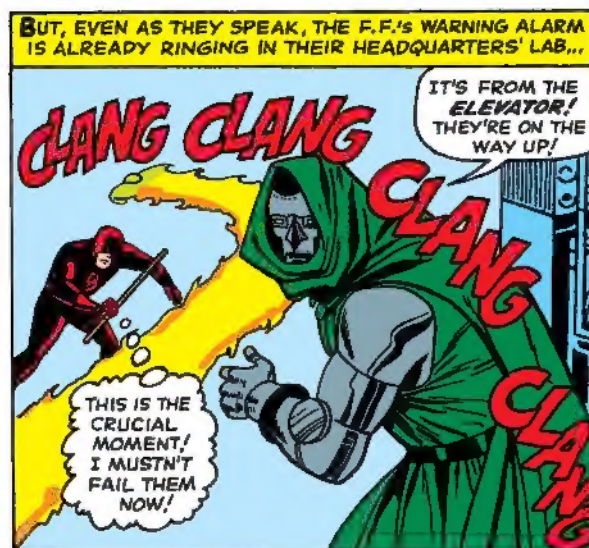
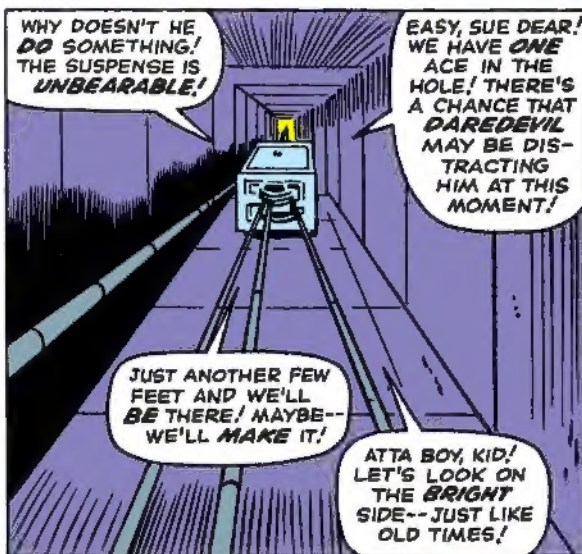
IT'S ORDERS FROM THE PENTAGON!
THE F.F. GET FIRST CRACK AT 'IM!

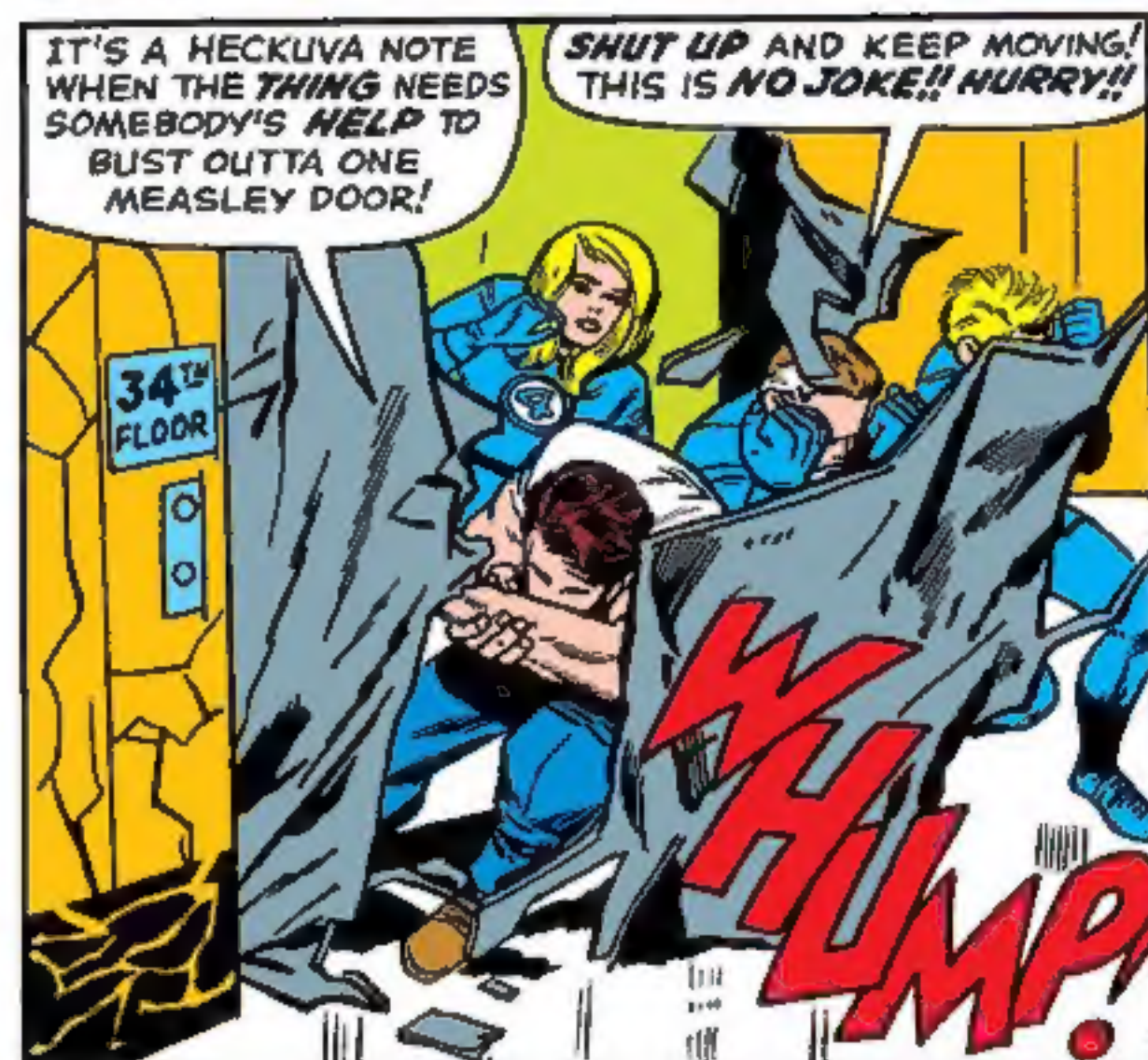
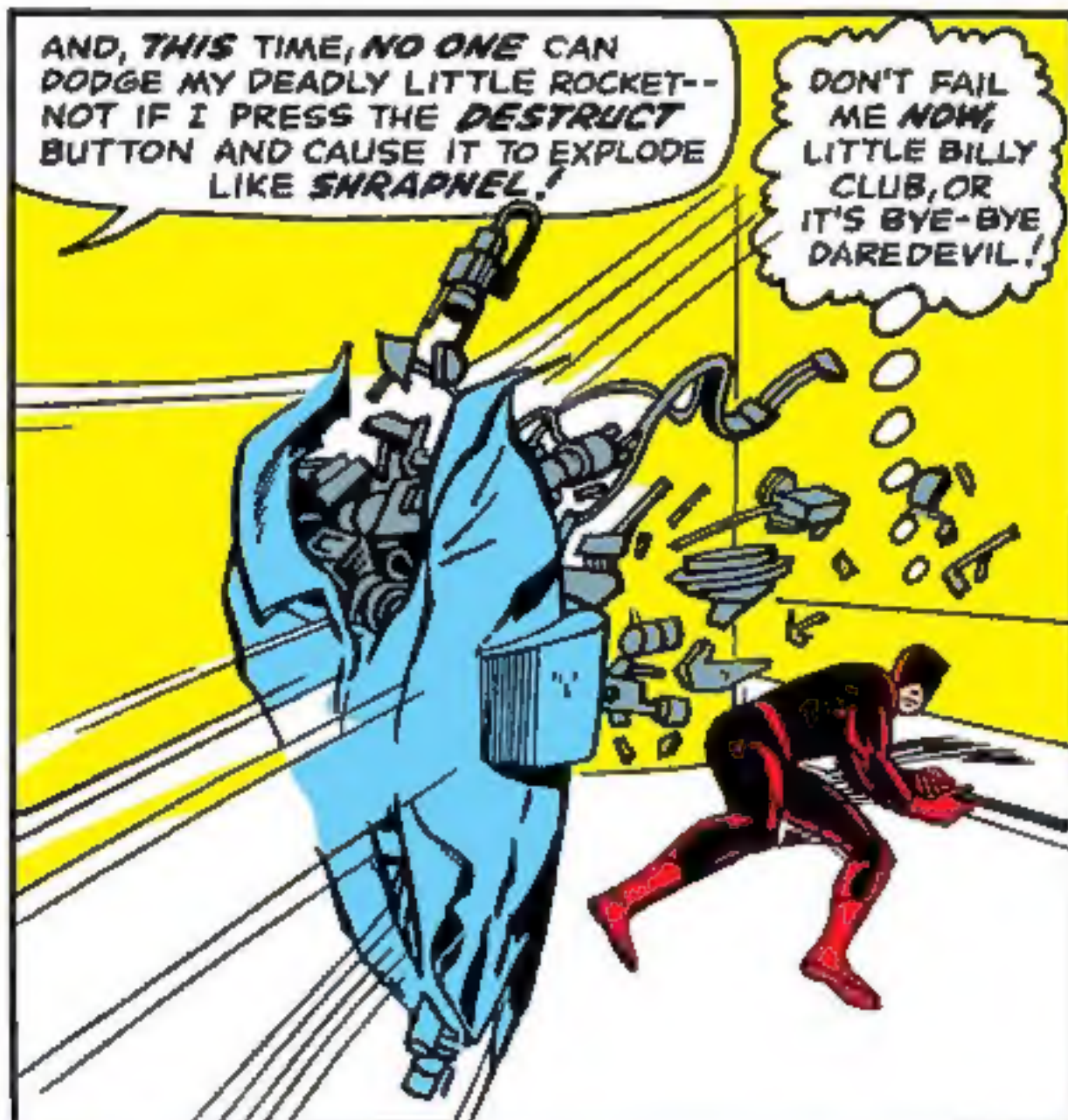
NOT YET! ONLY
IF--WE DON'T
MAKE IT!

GET THOSE
CARS OUT OF
THERE! TAKE
YOUR
POSITIONS!
MAN YOUR
GUNS!









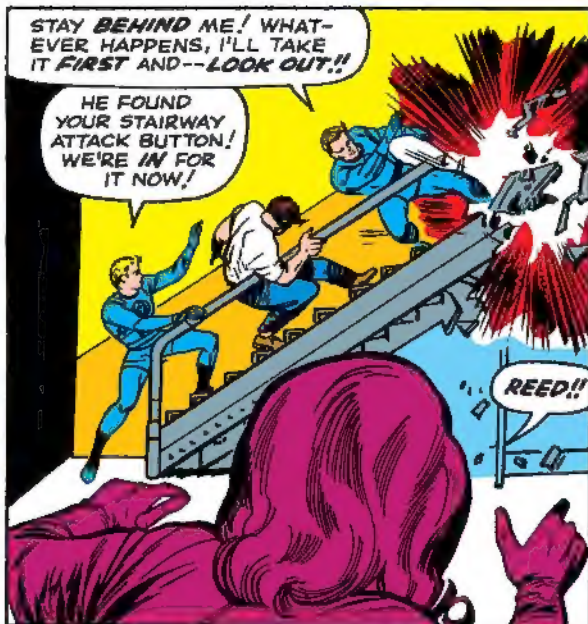


LUCKY WE GOT AS FAR AS THE 34TH FLOOR! NOW THERE'S ONLY ONE FLIGHT TO GO!

LUCKY?? SHEESH!! WE'RE ONLY A FEW FEET AWAY FROM FACING THE MOST DANGEROUS MENACE OF ALL TIME--WITHOUT OUR SUPER POWERS--WITHOUT ONE SINGLE WEAPON!

IF THAT'S LUCK, YOU CAN HAVE IT, PAL!

STEADY-- ALL OF YOU! THERE'S NO TURNING BACK NOW!



STAY BEHIND ME! WHAT-EVER HAPPENS, I'LL TAKE IT FIRST AND--LOOK OUT!!

HE FOUND YOUR STAIRWAY ATTACK BUTTON! WE'RE IN FOR IT NOW!

REED!!



I'LL LET THEM GET *STILL* CLOSER--LET THEM THINK THEY HAVE A CHANCE! AHH, THE EXQUISITE TRIUMPH OF THIS MOMENT IS BEYOND DESCRIPTION!

HE'S TURNED AWAY FROM ME AGAIN!

RELEASE THAT MACHINE, DOOM!



YOU DARE ATTACK ME PHYSICALLY?? YOU DARE LAY A HAND ON ME!!?

WHY NOT? I EVEN WALK IN THE RAIN WITHOUT MY BOOTIES SOMETIMES!

THAT'S WHY THEY CALL ME DAREDEVIL!!



DAREDEVIL--BAH! SEE HOW EASILY I BREAK YOUR GRIP WITH MY STEEL-SHOD FINGERS!

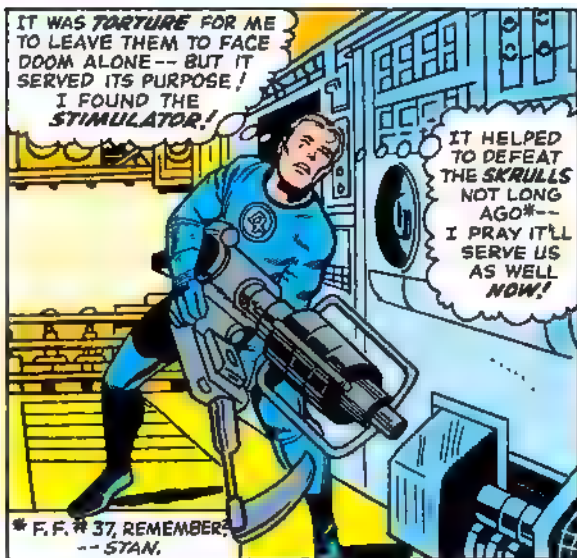
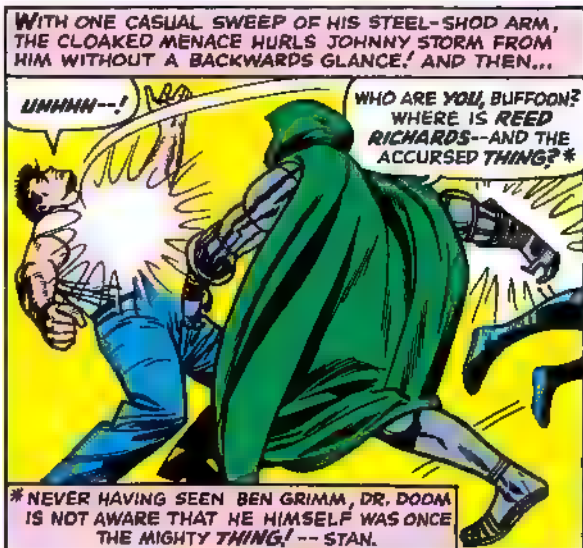
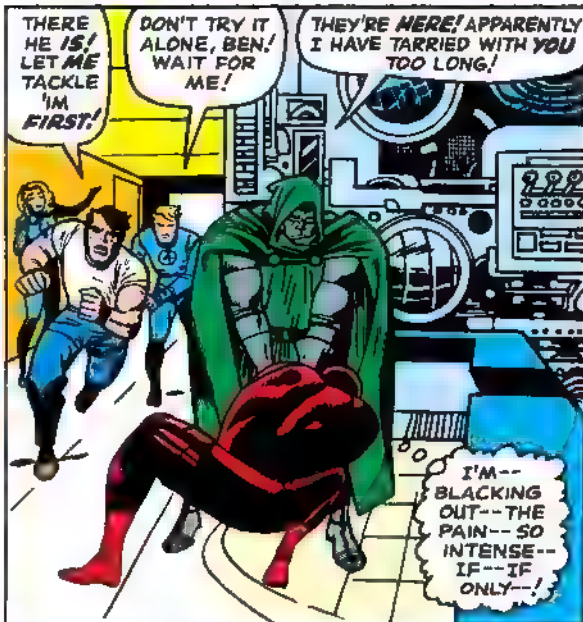
I'M DONE TOYING WITH YOU NOW! YOU SHALL LEARN WHAT IT MEANS TO INCUR THE WRATH OF DOCTOR DOOM!

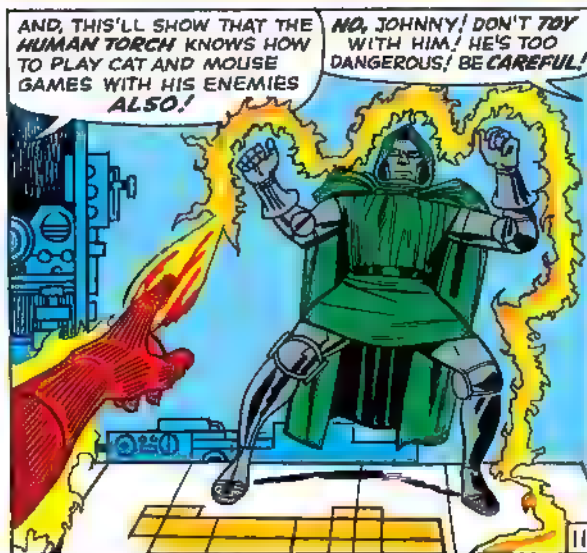


WHERE DO YOU DIG UP THAT DIALOGUE OF YOURS--IN CORN FLAKES BOXES?--UNHHH~!

I TRUST YOU ENJOYED THAT WITTICISM--FOR, IT IS THE LAST YOU SHALL EVER UTTER!

HE'S NOT KIDDING! IT'S LIKE BEING HELD BY A BULLDOZER!

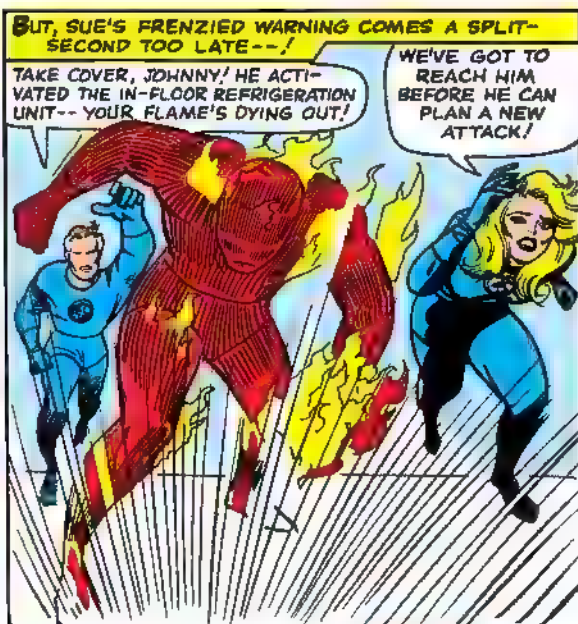






AW, WHO'RE YOU KIDDIN', REED! HIS NUMBER'S UP NOW, AND HE KNOWS IT!

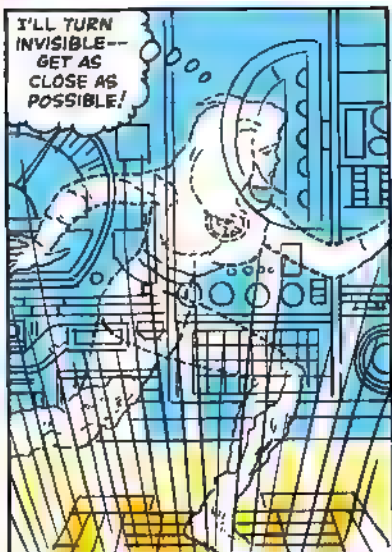
JOHNNY! HIS FOOT--IT'S STEPPING ON THAT LEVER! LOOK OUT!



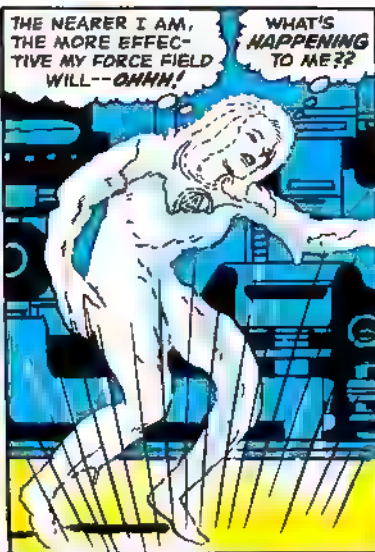
BUT, SUE'S FRENZIED WARNING COMES A SPLIT-SECOND TOO LATE--!

TAKE COVER, JOHNNY! HE ACTIVATED THE IN-FLOOR REFRIGERATION UNIT-- YOUR FLAME'S DYING OUT!

WE'VE GOT TO REACH HIM BEFORE HE CAN PLAN A NEW ATTACK!



I'LL TURN INVISIBLE-- GET AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE!



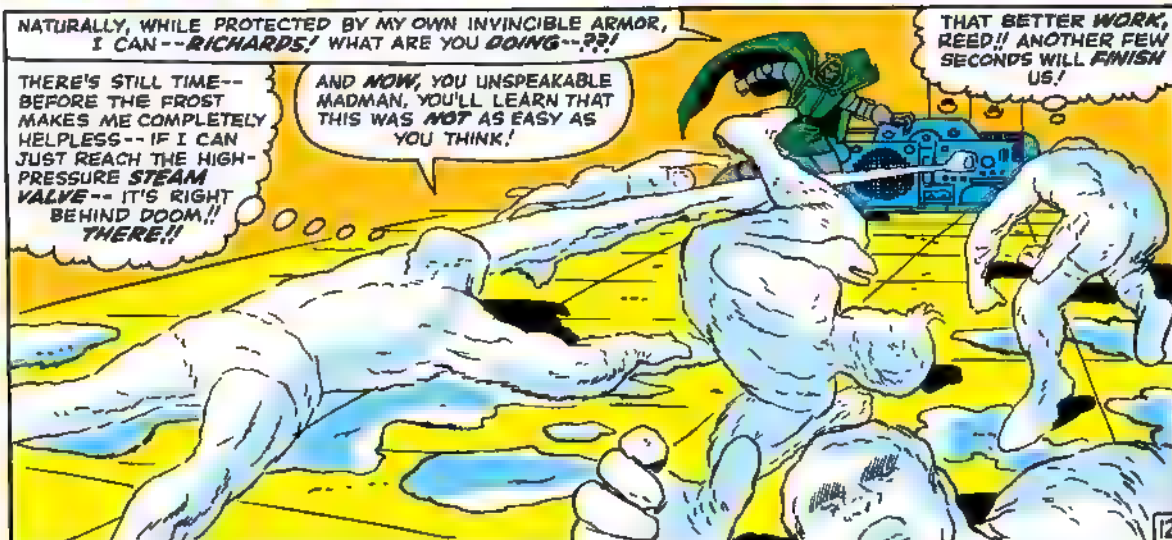
THE NEARER I AM, THE MORE EFFECTIVE MY FORCE FIELD WILL--OHNN!

WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME??



BY SETTING THE FREEZING UNIT ON FULL, I CAN TRAP THE THREE OF YOU WITH YOUR OWN DEVICE!

HOW EASY IT WAS FOR ME, AFTER ALL!



NATURALLY, WHILE PROTECTED BY MY OWN INVINCIBLE ARMOR, I CAN--RICHARDS! WHAT ARE YOU DOING--??!

THERE'S STILL TIME-- BEFORE THE FROST MAKES ME COMPLETELY HELPLESS-- IF I CAN JUST REACH THE HIGH-PRESSURE STEAM VALVE-- IT'S RIGHT BEHIND DOOM!! THERE!!

AND NOW, YOU UNSPEAKABLE MADMAN, YOU'LL LEARN THAT THIS WAS NOT AS EASY AS YOU THINK!

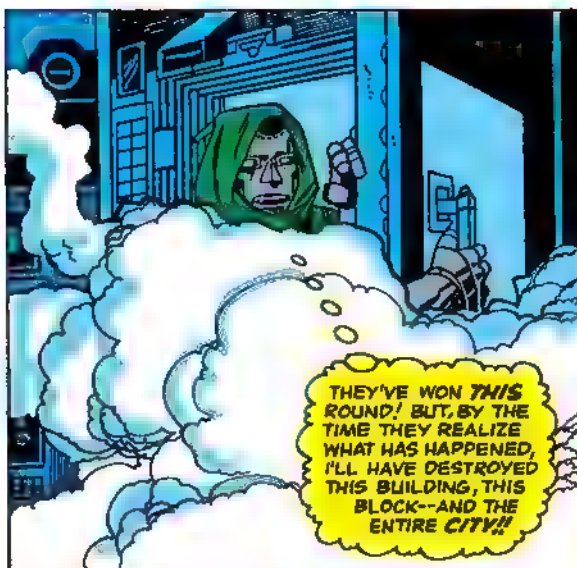
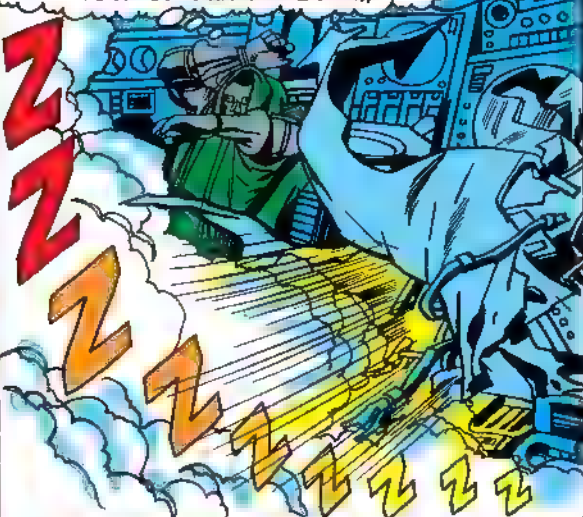
THAT BETTER WORK, REED!! ANOTHER FEW SECONDS WILL FINISH US!

THAT SELFSAME SECOND, THE FROST IS INSTANTLY DISSIPATED, AS A BLAZING BURST OF STEAM SHOOTS OUT, INSTANTLY CHANGING THE ENTIRE COURSE OF THE BATTLE!

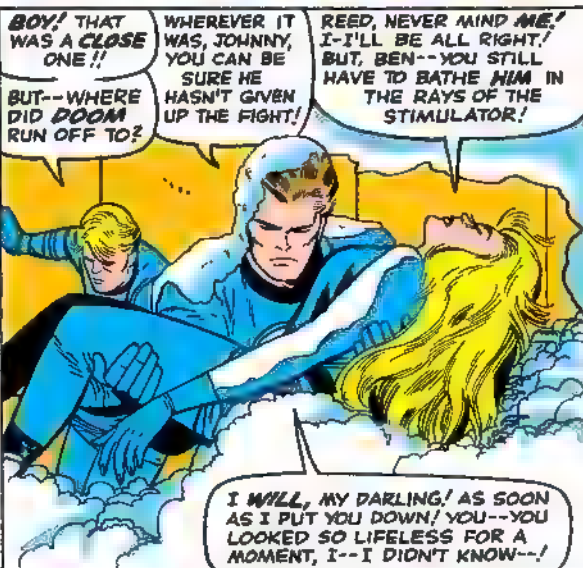
ARRRRHHHHH!



MY ARMOR PROTECTS ME EASILY ENOUGH, BUT THE STEAM HAS SHATTERED THE FREEZING UNIT-- IT SAVED THE FANTASTIC FOUR BY A HAIRSBREADTH!!



THEY'VE WON THIS ROUND! BUT, BY THE TIME THEY REALIZE WHAT HAS HAPPENED, I'LL HAVE DESTROYED THIS BUILDING, THIS BLOCK--AND THE ENTIRE CITY!!



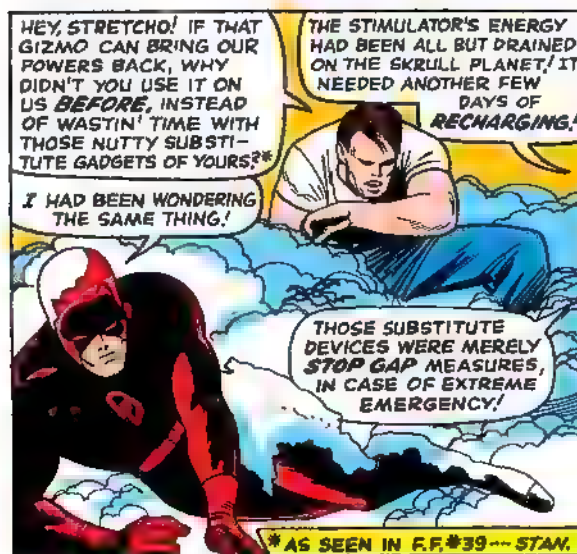
BOY! THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE!!

BUT--WHERE DID DOOM RUN OFF TO?

WHEREVER IT WAS, JOHNNY, YOU CAN BE SURE HE HASN'T GIVEN UP THE FIGHT!

REED, NEVER MIND ME, I-I'LL BE ALL RIGHT! BUT, BEN--YOU STILL HAVE TO BATHE HIM IN THE RAYS OF THE STIMULATOR!

I WILL, MY DARLING! AS SOON AS I PUT YOU DOWN! YOU--YOU LOOKED SO LIFELESS FOR A MOMENT, I--I DIDN'T KNOW--!



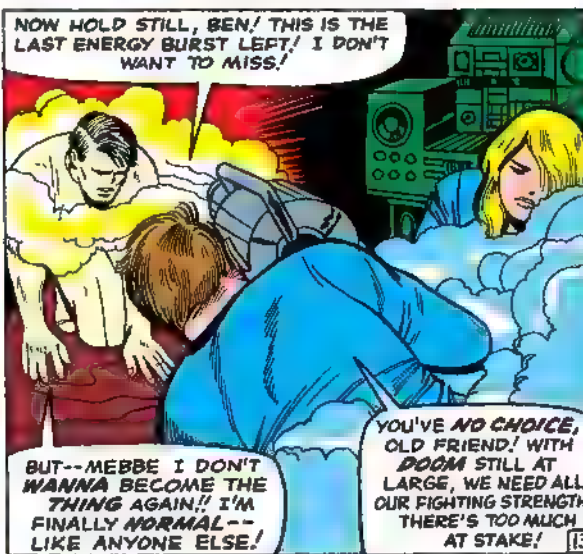
HEY, STRETCHO! IF THAT GIZMO CAN BRING OUR POWERS BACK, WHY DIDN'T YOU USE IT ON US BEFORE, INSTEAD OF WASTIN' TIME WITH THOSE NUTTY SUBSTITUTE GADGETS OF YOURS?*

I HAD BEEN WONDERING THE SAME THING!

THE STIMULATOR'S ENERGY HAD BEEN ALL BUT DRAINED ON THE SKRULL PLANET! IT NEEDED ANOTHER FEW DAYS OF RECHARGING!

THOSE SUBSTITUTE DEVICES WERE MERELY STOP GAP MEASURES, IN CASE OF EXTREME EMERGENCY!

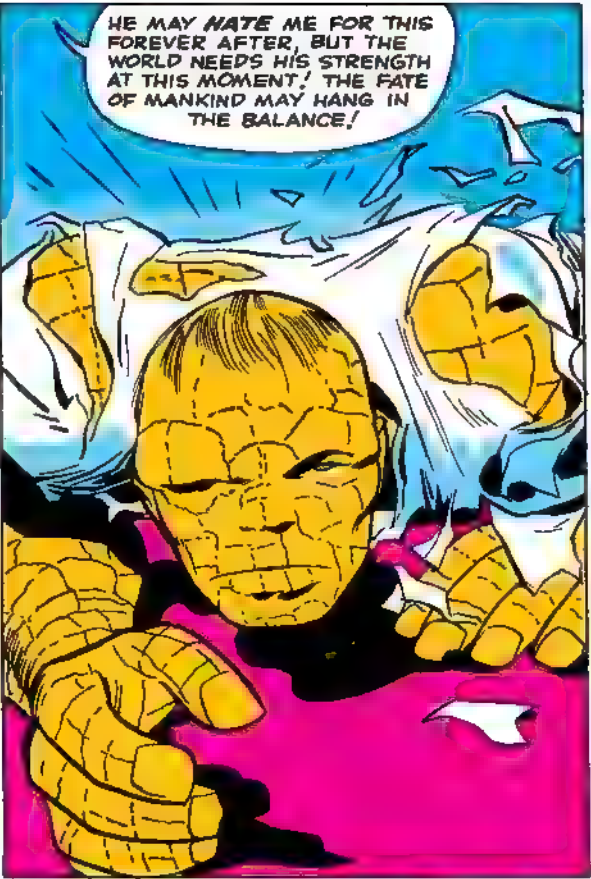
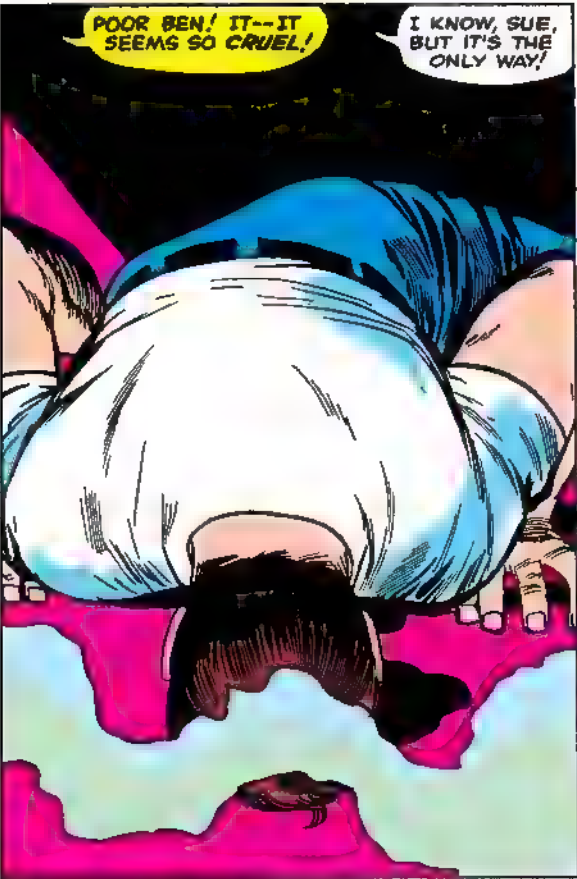
*AS SEEN IN F.F.#39--STAV.



NOW HOLD STILL, BEN! THIS IS THE LAST ENERGY BURST LEFT! I DON'T WANT TO MISS!

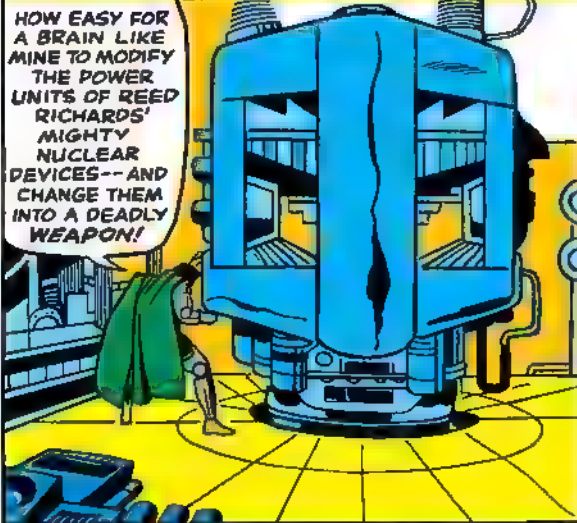
BUT--MEBBE I DON'T WANNA BECOME THE THING AGAIN!! I'M FINALLY NORMAL-- LIKE ANYONE ELSE!

YOU'VE NO CHOICE, OLD FRIEND! WITH DOOM STILL AT LARGE, WE NEED ALL OUR FIGHTING STRENGTH! THERE'S TOO MUCH AT STAKE!

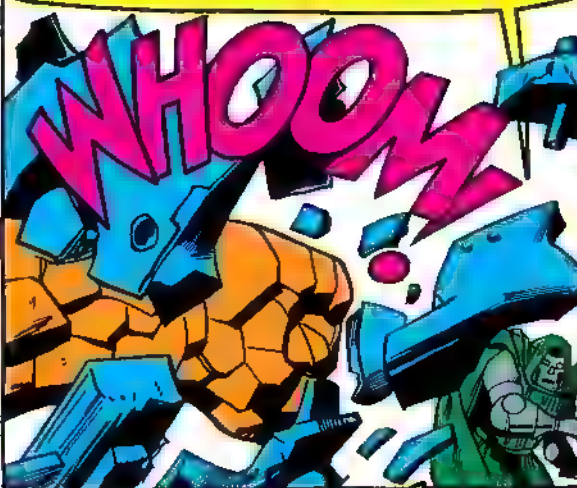


MEANTIME, IN ANOTHER SECTION OF F.F. HEAD-QUARTERS, THE EVIL GENIUS OF DOCTOR DOOM HAS HASTILY CONCOCTED THE MOST DANGEROUS THREAT OF HIS LONG AND SINISTER CAREER--!

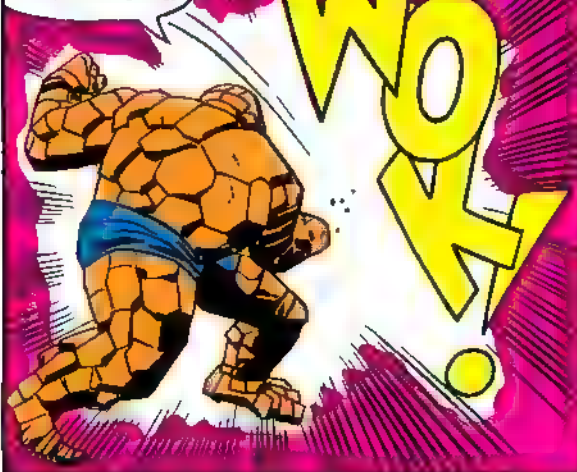
HOW EASY FOR A BRAIN LIKE MINE TO MODIFY THE POWER UNITS OF REED RICHARDS' MIGHTY NUCLEAR DEVICES-- AND CHANGE THEM INTO A DEADLY WEAPON!



AND NOW, TO TAKE MY LEAVE! THE FANTASTIC FOUR HAVE WON THE BATTLE-- BUT LOST THE WAR! WAIT-- WHAT'S THAT??!



AND YA WON'T HAVETA WAIT ANY LONGER!



I'VE CREATED A **TIME BOMB** WHICH WILL DESTROY EVERYTHING IN SIGHT!

ALL I NEED DO IS GET SAFELY OUT OF RANGE AND AWAIT THE FATAL MOMENT! MORE THAN EVER HAVE I INSURED THAT THE NAME OF **DOCTOR DOOM** SHALL FOREVER LIVE IN INFAMY!



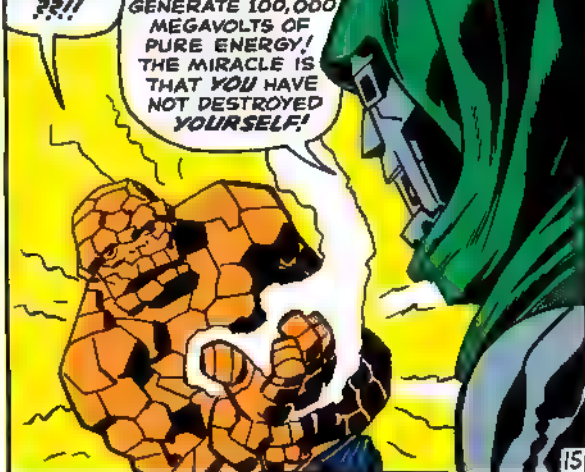
YOU!! IT'S BECAUSE OF YOU THAT I'M THE **THING** AGAIN!! YOU'RE GONNA PAY FOR THAT, DO YA HEAR?? I'M GONNA **DEMOLISH** YOU!!

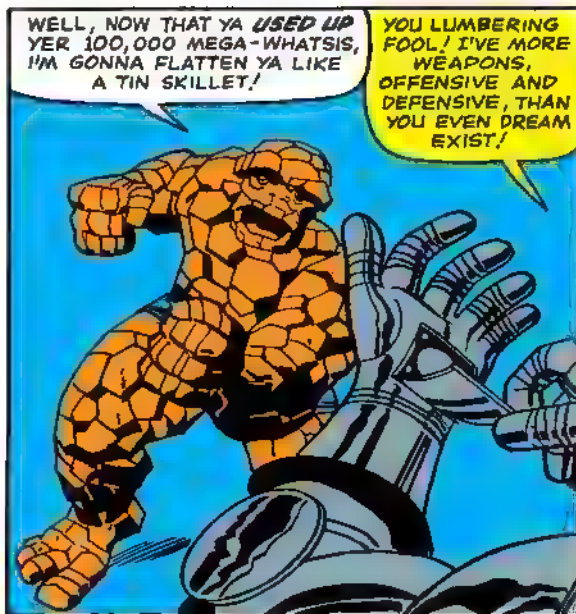
ANHH! AT LAST-- THE BRAINLESS, SLABBERING **THING!** I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU!



Y-YER STILL **STANDIN'** ??!!

NATURALLY! MY ARMOR'S FORCE FIELD CAN GENERATE 100,000 MEGAVOLTS OF PURE ENERGY! THE MIRACLE IS THAT **YOU** HAVE NOT DESTROYED **YOURSELF!**





WELL, NOW THAT YA **USED UP** YER 100,000 MEGA-WHATSIS, I'M GONNA FLATTEN YA LIKE A TIN SKILLET!

YOU LUMBERING FOOL! I'VE MORE WEAPONS, OFFENSIVE AND DEFENSIVE, THAN YOU EVEN DREAM EXIST!

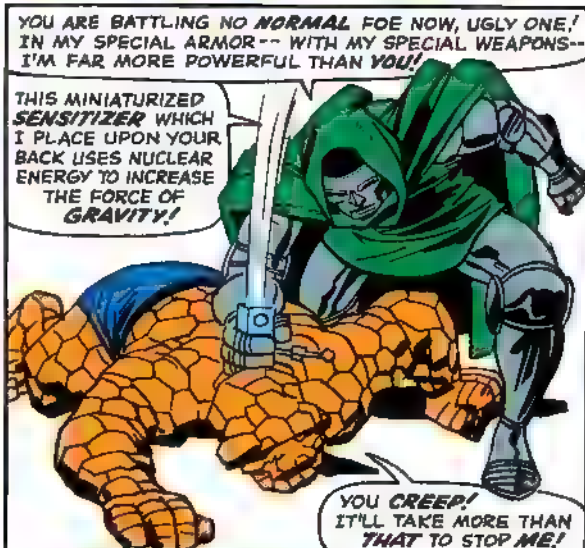


SUCH AS MY **INSTANT HYPNOTISM** IMPULSER, WHICH CAN UPSET YOUR TOTAL SENSE OF BALANCE IN ONE SPLIT-SECOND!

HUH? HEY-- EVERYTHING'S SPINNIN' AROUND! CAN'T STAY ON MY FEET! MY LEGS ARE GETTIN' WOBBLY! WHAT'S GOIN' ON??!



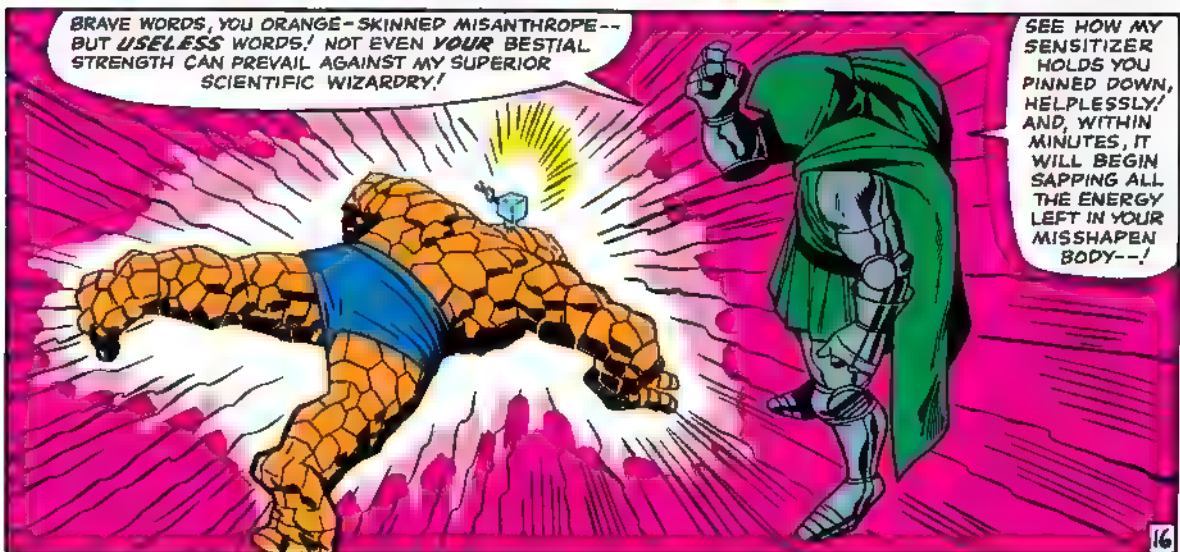
THE **OTHERS** CAN EXPLAIN TO YOU-- IF YOU **RECOVER!**



YOU ARE BATTLING NO **NORMAL** FOE NOW, UGLY ONE! IN MY SPECIAL ARMOR-- WITH MY SPECIAL WEAPONS-- I'M FAR MORE POWERFUL THAN YOU!

THIS MINIATURIZED **SENSITIZER** WHICH I PLACE UPON YOUR BACK USES NUCLEAR ENERGY TO INCREASE THE FORCE OF **GRAVITY!**

YOU **CREEP!** IT'LL TAKE MORE THAN THAT TO STOP ME!



BRAVE WORDS, YOU ORANGE-SKINNED MISANTHROPE-- BUT **USELESS** WORDS! NOT EVEN YOUR BESTIAL STRENGTH CAN PREVAIL AGAINST MY SUPERIOR SCIENTIFIC WIZARDRY!

SEE HOW MY SENSITIZER HOLDS YOU PINNED DOWN, HELPLESSLY! AND, WITHIN MINUTES, IT WILL BEGIN SAPPING ALL THE ENERGY LEFT IN YOUR MISSHAPEN BODY--!

BUT, EVEN THE DIABOLICAL DR. DOOM HAS UNDERESTIMATED THE *POWER* THAT LIES WITHIN THE BURLY, BRUTISH BODY OF THE ENRAGED THING---

YOU BELIEVE IT, DOOM! JUST YOU BELIEVE IT!

NO-- NO-- IT CAN'T BE!



THE ONLY WAY YA'LL STOP ME IS BY KILLIN' ME!

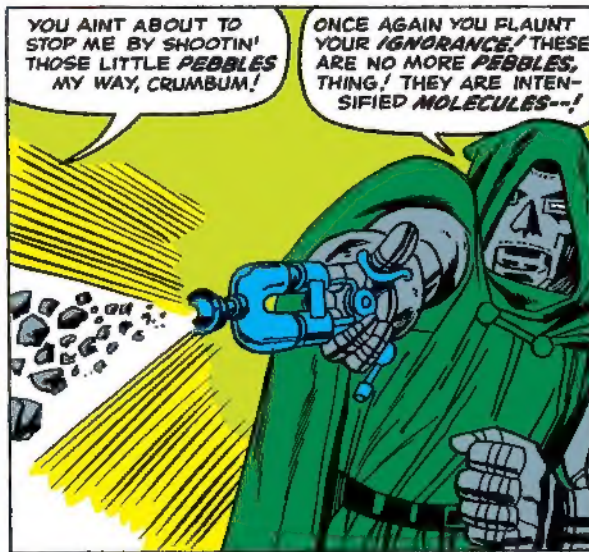


VERY WELL! I CAN ARRANGE *THAT*, ALSO-- THOUGH I HAD HOPED IT WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY!

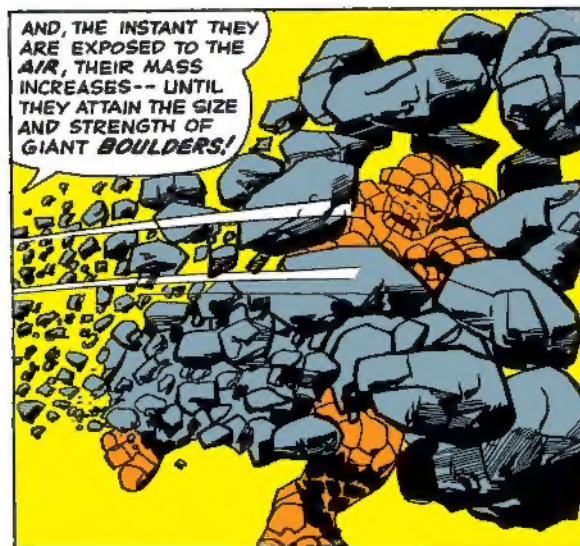


YOU AINT ABOUT TO STOP ME BY SHOOTIN' THOSE LITTLE *PEBBLES* MY WAY, CRUMBUM!

ONCE AGAIN YOU FLAUNT YOUR *IGNORANCE*! THESE ARE NO MORE *PEBBLES*, THING! THEY ARE INTENSIFIED *MOLECULES*--!

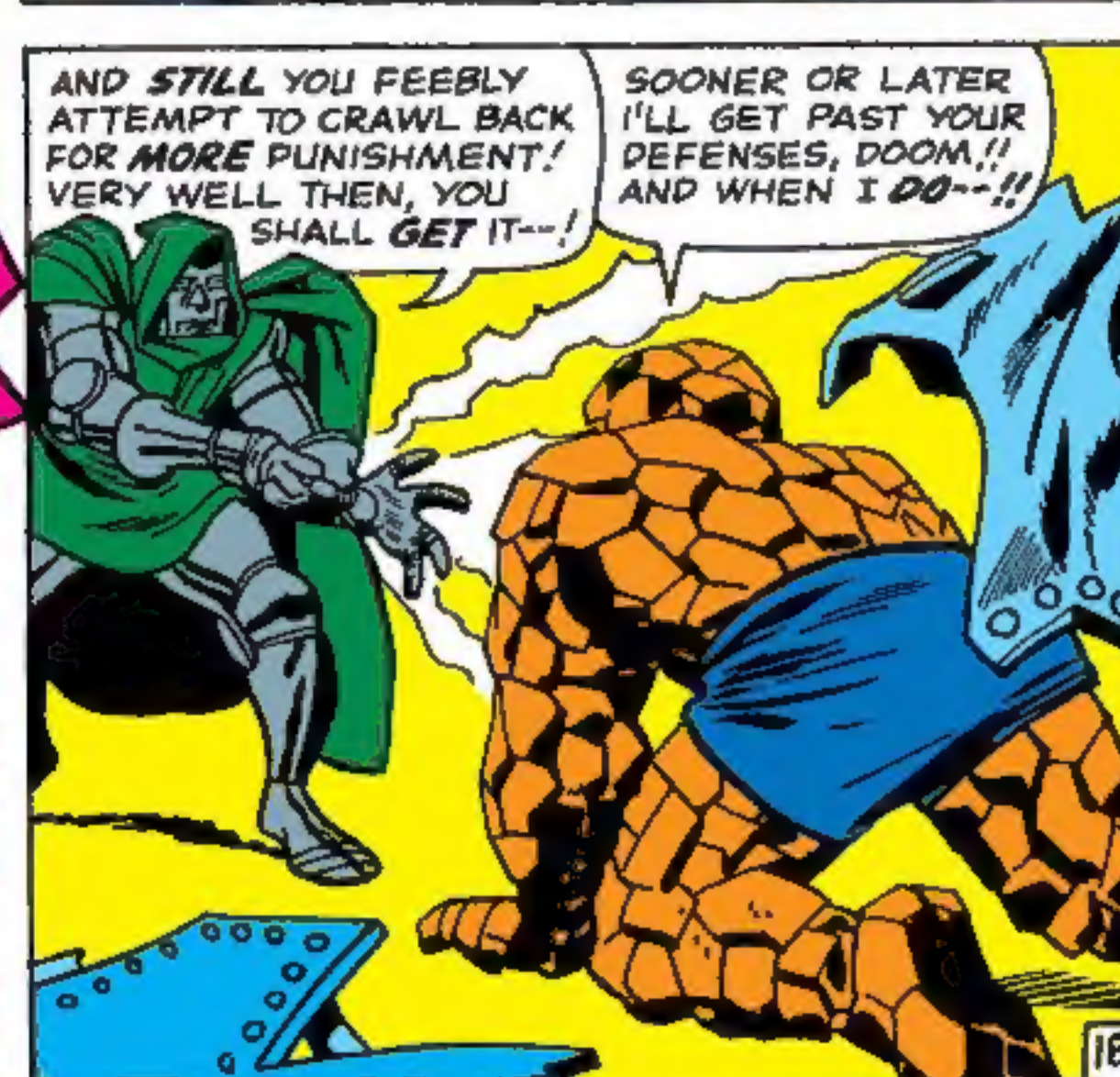
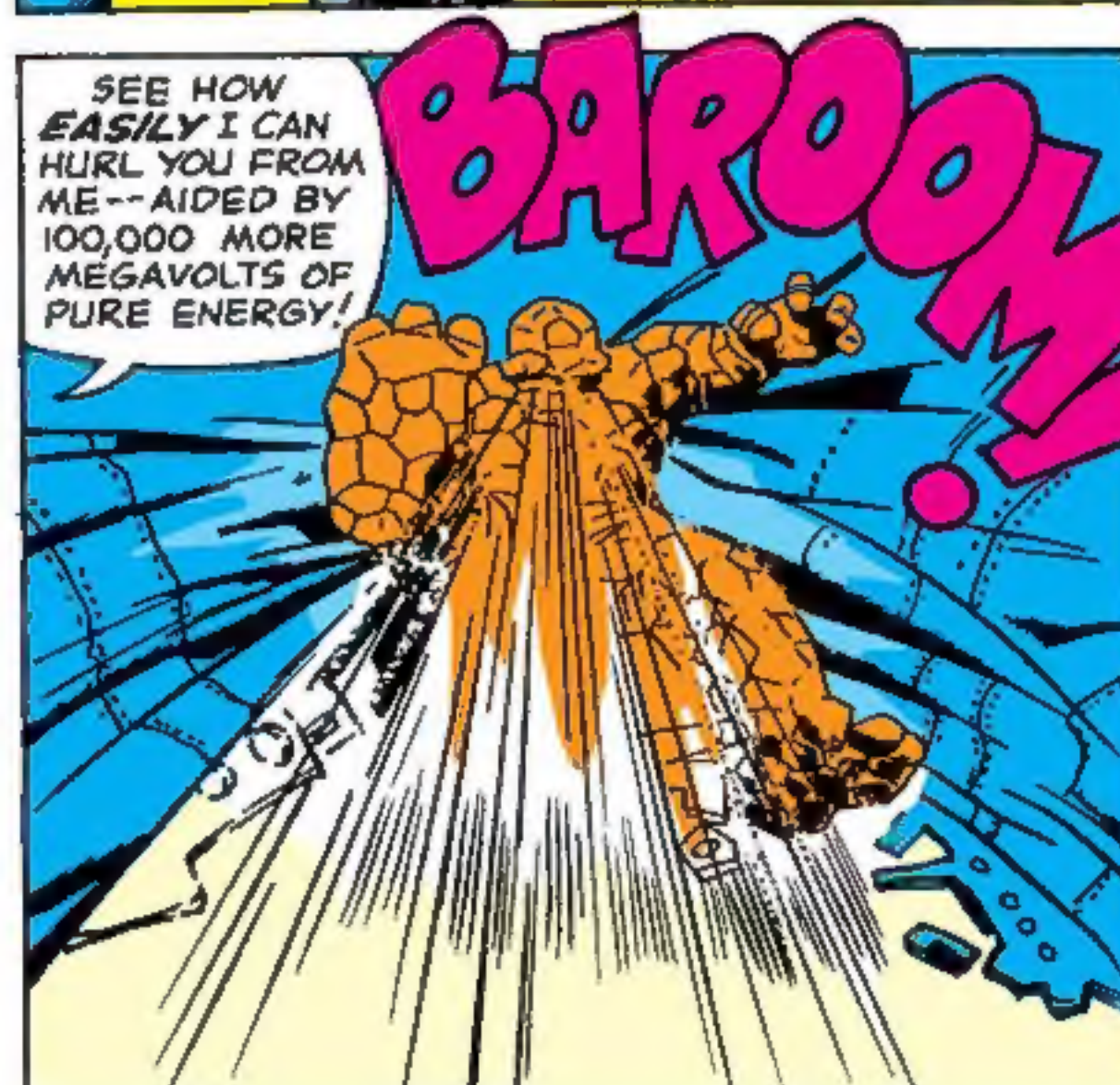
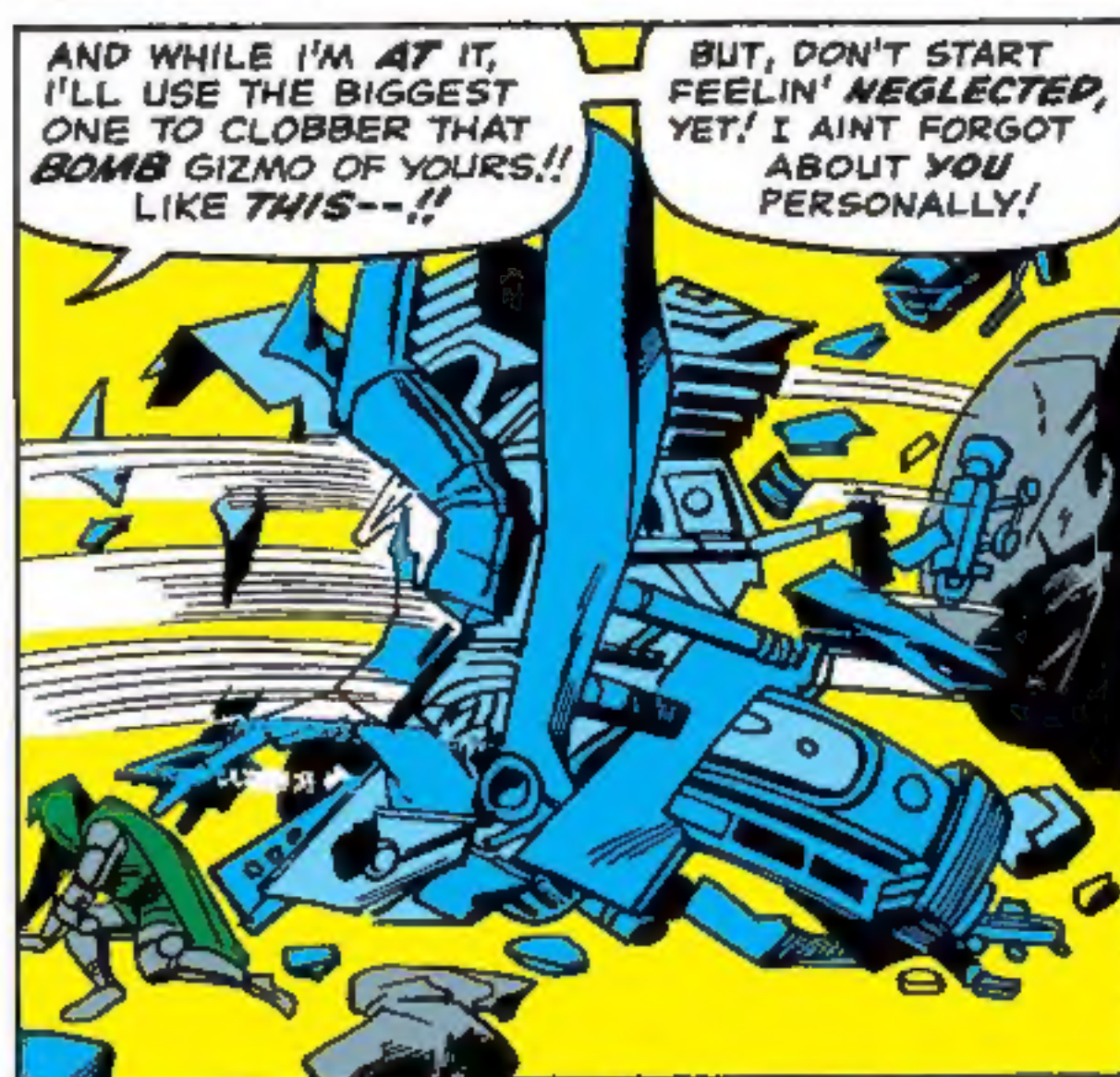


AND, THE INSTANT THEY ARE EXPOSED TO THE *AIR*, THEIR MASS INCREASES-- UNTIL THEY ATTAIN THE SIZE AND STRENGTH OF GIANT *BOULDERS*!



--BOULDERS WHICH WILL KEEP SLAMMING INTO YOU UNTIL EVEN YOUR MASSIVE BODY IS BEATEN AND STILLED!





YOU
BLUNDERING
ATAVISM!
BRUTE
STRENGTH
CAN *NEVER*
TRIUMPH
AGAINST THE
POWER OF
SUPREMELY
HARNESSED
SCIENCE!!



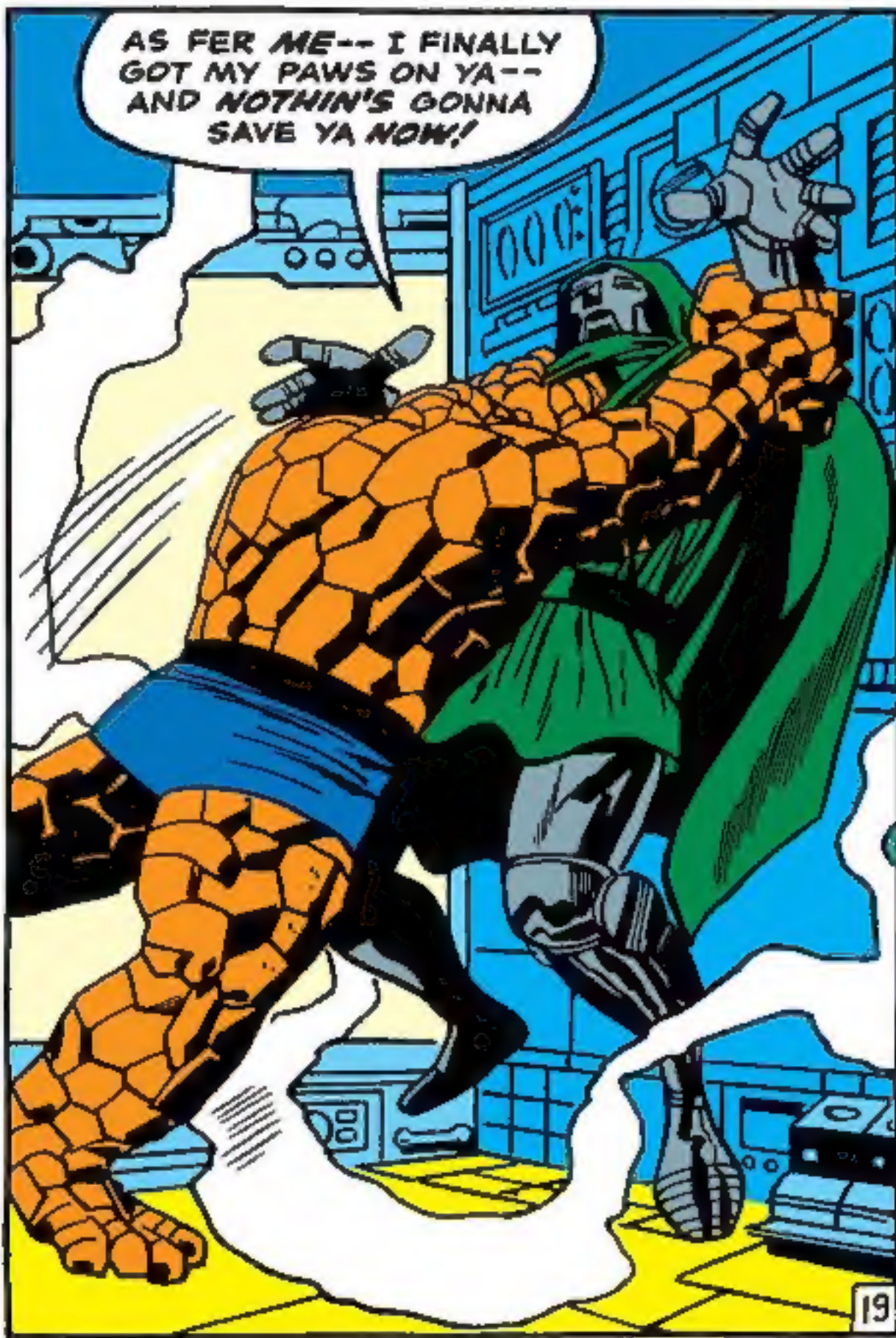
NO!! IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!! YOU
CAN'T KEEP COMING-- NOT
AGAINST THE FORCE OF MY
NERVE-SHATTERING ENERGY
BLASTS!!



MISTER, MAYBE I'M JUST TOO
DUMB TO COLLAPSE -- TOO
UGLY TO DIE!! I'LL LET YOU
FIGGER OUT THE REASONS,...



AS FER ME-- I FINALLY
GOT MY PAWS ON YA--
AND NOTHIN'S GONNA
SAVE YA NOW!





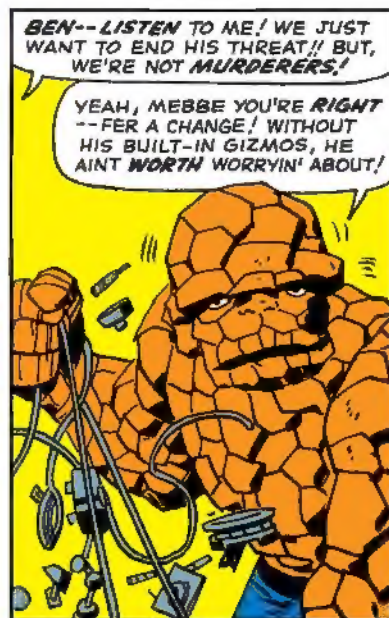
MY WEAPONS!! MY BUILT-IN ELECTRICAL DEVICES!! YOU--YOU'RE CRUSHING THEM!! NO!! YOU CAN'T--!

DON'T BET ON IT, BAD MAN!



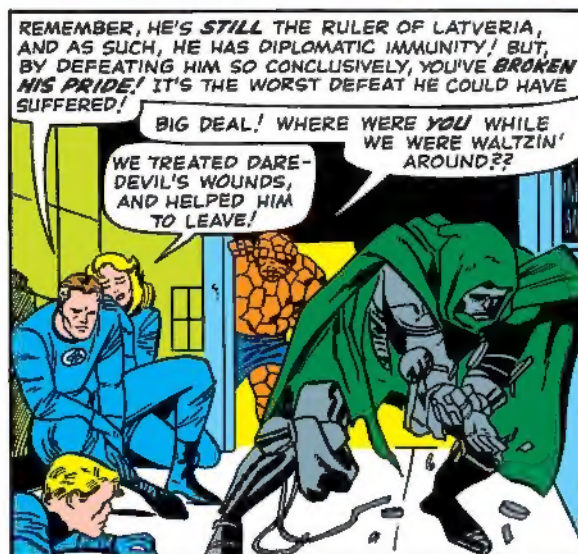
NO, BEN!! STOP! YOU'LL KILL HIM!!

WELL, WELL! IF IT AINT STRETCHO! JUST WHEN I DON'T NEED YA!



BEN--LISTEN TO ME! WE JUST WANT TO END HIS THREAT!! BUT, WE'RE NOT MURDERERS!

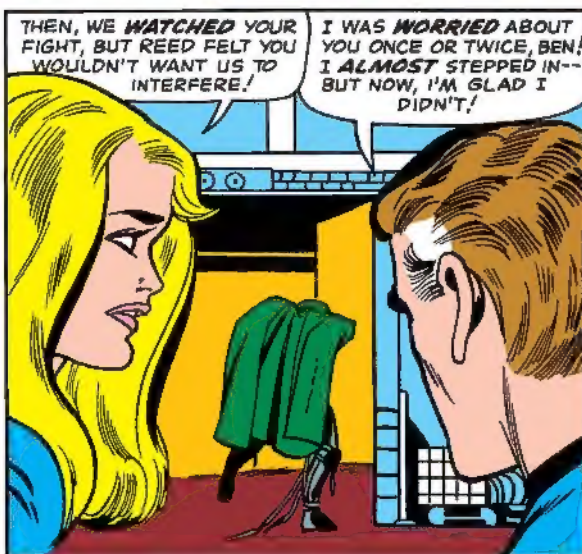
YEAH, MESSBE YOU'RE RIGHT --FER A CHANGE! WITHOUT HIS BUILT-IN GIZMOS, HE AINT WORTH WORRYIN' ABOUT!



REMEMBER, HE'S *STILL* THE RULER OF LATVERIA, AND AS SUCH, HE HAS DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY! BUT, BY DEFEATING HIM SO CONCLUSIVELY, YOU'VE *BROKEN HIS PRIDE*! IT'S THE WORST DEFEAT HE COULD HAVE SUFFERED!

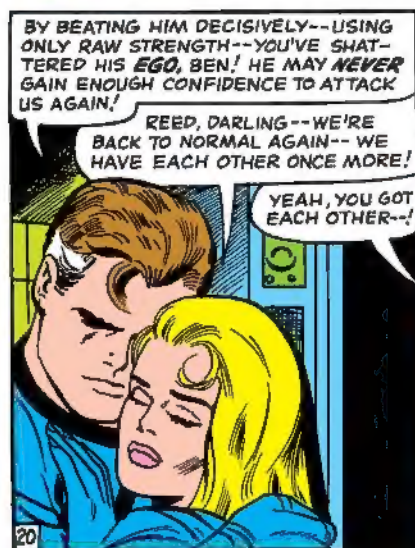
BIG DEAL! WHERE WERE YOU WHILE WE WERE WALTZIN' AROUND??

WE TREATED DARE-DEVIL'S WOUNDS, AND HELPED HIM TO LEAVE!



THEN, WE *WATCHED* YOUR FIGHT, BUT REED FELT YOU WOULDN'T WANT US TO INTERFERE!

I WAS *WORRIED* ABOUT YOU ONCE OR TWICE, BEN! I *ALMOST* STEPPED IN-- BUT NOW, I'M GLAD I DIDN'T!



BY BEATING HIM DECISIVELY--USING ONLY RAW STRENGTH--YOU'VE SHATTERED HIS *EGO*, BEN! HE MAY *NEVER* GAIN ENOUGH CONFIDENCE TO ATTACK US AGAIN!

REED, DARLING--WE'RE BACK TO NORMAL AGAIN-- WE HAVE EACH OTHER ONCE MORE!

YEAH, YOU GOT EACH OTHER--!



-- BUT YOU AINT GOT *ME*! NOT ANY *MORE*! I'M *THRU* BEIN' THE FALL GUY FOR THIS COMBO! YOU DIVVY UP THE *GLAMOR*, BUT ME-- I'M STILL... THE *THING*!



I GOT THE SHORT END OF THE STICK ON THIS WHOLE DEAL! YOU CAN GIT MARRIED, BUT NOT *ME*! YOU CAN BE NORMAL-- BUT NOT *ME*! WELL, I'VE

BEN! HE-HE MEANS I'M *THRU*! HAD IT!

DON'T DO IT, BIG BUDDY! WE'RE A TEAM! BEN--!

THUS, IN THE WAKE OF THEIR GREATEST *VICTORY*, THE FANTASTIC FOUR FACE THEIR GREATEST *CRISIS*! BE PREPARED FOR THE MOST STARTLING DEVELOPMENTS OF ALL NEXT ISSUE ON THE PAGES OF THIS, THE WORLD'S GREATEST COMIC MAGAZINE!

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